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In re Application of  
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Application No. 10/612,394  
Filed: July 3, 2003  
Attorney Docket No. Q76423  
Title: LIQUID EJECTION CONTROL  
METHOD AND LIQUID EJECTION  
APPARATUS

DECISION VACATING  
PREVIOUS DECISION

This is a decision on the "Response to notice of incomplete nonprovisional application filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)," which is properly treated as a petition under §1.53(e)(2), filed on February 4, 2004, requesting that the application be accorded a filing date of July 3, 2003.

On April 6, 2004, a decision was mailed which dismissed the above-identified petition.

The decision mailed April 6, 2004 is hereby **VACATED**.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

After the mailing of this decision, the application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for further processing with a filing date of July 3, 2003, using the original application papers filed on July 3, 2003, as well as the translation submitted on February 4, 2004. OIPE will then mail a filing receipt, indicating a filing date of July 3, 2003.

Any inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0011.

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